

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Brewster for his time and courtesy extended during two telephonic interviews with the undersigned attorney on January 19, 2006. Applicants are grateful for the opportunity to discuss the proposed claim amendments and the scope of potentially relevant art with the Examiner. The following is intended to constitute a proper recordation of the interview in accordance with M.P.E.P. §713.04.

The discussion during the interview focused on claim 1 as well as on the differences between the present invention and the prior art of record, as well as U.S. Patent No. 5,565,690 to Theodore *et al* ("Theodore"). Consistent with this discussion, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 13, introduced new claims 67-85, and cancelled claim 11, without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments, support being found in the claims, as pending prior to the entry of this Supplemental Amendment. In addition, Applicants have cancelled without prejudice claims 27-66 drawn to the nonelected invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that Theodore, or any other reference of record, either alone or in proper combination, does not teach or suggest the inventions defined by claims 1-10, 12-26, and 67-85. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are in condition for allowance, and request that application proceed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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